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Professor Joshua Lederberg,  
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Dear Doctor Lederberg,

I have your letter of March 18th with the enclosure. May I first thank you very kindly for the privilege of reading this most interesting abstract. I do hope to obtain a reprint of the paper when it will be available. The techniques involved are what I am highly interested in and which I may try to imitate.

As to your two requests, I have to tell you that we came across a half dozen so-called O strains of Salmonella. Some of them we sent to Dr. Fritz Kauffman in Copenhagen and I believe he may be in a position to serve you with some O strains he may have. We unfortunately have not kept our strains in stock.

As to the second question related to the flagellar phages, I have no evidence of any such phage and I am even a little doubtful about the results reported by Rakieta and Bornstein. In the last few months we have worked in a tentative way with phages active on Salmonellae, but all these phages turned out to be directed against the somatic antigens. No hint of influence on flagellar antigens was observed.

I remain with best personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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